



PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

Yukio MORISHIGE, *et al.*

Appln. No.: 09/989,162

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT
AMENDMENT (VOLUNTARY REVISED PRACTICE)

MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed July 16, 2003.

The Notice was mailed in error. In particular, the Amendment filed July 7, 2003, complied with the 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 requirements in effect on July 7, 2003, and was not an amendment filed under the voluntary revised amendment practice guidelines. Accordingly, check-marked items "3." and "4." in the Notice were not applicable to the Amendment filed on July 7th.

Nevertheless, in an effort to avoid any further complications, Applicants are re-submitting herewith the Amendment originally filed July 7, 2003, wherein the Amendment has been reformatted in accordance with the Revised Amendment Practice effective July 30, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (Voluntary Revised Practice) mailed July 16, 2003, and the Office Action mailed April 4, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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